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Harford's Inspections Department Offers Tips to Prevent Water Pipes from Freezing

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Department of Inspections, Licenses & Permits (DILP) is offering tips to county residents for protecting their plumbing from damage due to the cold weather.

The extremely cold temperatures in the area can cause water inside pipes to freeze, and since water expands as it freezes, the pipe can crack or burst as a result.

DILP recommends a few actions to help prevent pipes from freezing. Exposed pipes can be wrapped or insulated, and cabinet doors can be left open to allow warmer air to surround supply pipes underneath sinks. Also, water can be left dripping from a fixture, as flowing water is much less likely to freeze. Outside spigots should be turned off and drained. Finally, for homes where plumbing is located in a crawl space, air vents can be temporarily closed to prevent colder outside air from entering.

If a pipe does freeze, be sure to shut off the water supply valve closest to the fixture. Residents should not use an open flame to heat frozen pipes. Additionally, residents should know where their main shutoff valve is located should a plumbing failure and leak occur.

Citizens should also be aware often times frozen water lines become apparent when the weather warms up.

For questions on this announcement, please contact the Harford County Plumbing Services Division with the Department of Inspections, Licenses & Permits at 410-638-3215.

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